

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-7, 9, 13, 16-20, 26-27, and 29-37 are currently amended.

Claims 6-8, 14-15, 21-25, and 38-39 are original claims.

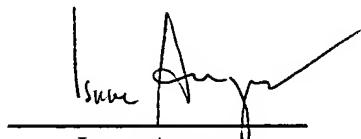
Claim 28 has been canceled without prejudice or waiver.

The claims now have the proper status identifier "currently amended".

In view of the above amendments and the remarks previously made on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777 if he feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues.

An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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